

# Magnetic Hills

## Tour Overview

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## Itinerary

### Day 1 NJP / Bagdogra to Chota Mangwa (3 Hrs Approx):-

As you begin with your majestic journey, you will first arrive at Bagdogra Airport or NJP Railway Station. To Guide your excitement our representative will be waiting for your warm welcome at the airport or NJP who will further arrange your transfer to enchanting Chota Mangwa, which is 6000 Ft above the Sea Level. Check-in to your hotel and stay at your leisure.

**Chota Mangwa:-** Perched amidst the orange orchards overlooking the stunning Mt Kanchenjunga and Kalimpong valley is a quaint hamlet tucked away in the hills of North Bengal called Chota Mangwa or Chota Mangmaya (as many locals call it). Travelers are being attracted to this relatively new found destination Chota Mangwa located on a ridge at the top of the Mangwa hill for its surreal beauty and serene ambiance. In the Lepcha language the meaning behind the place name is "A small place of finger millet". Chota Mangwa is an Eco friendly village with extremely friendly and down to earth people whose hospitality is sure to swell the heart of all travelers. Located 35km from the Queen of Hills Darjeeling town Chota Mangwa provide a great atmosphere which is untainted by the polluted air to detox away from the maddening city life. Surrounded by the lush green hills of Kalimpong, Darjeeling and Sikkim Chota Mangwa is making its way towards being one of the most favored destinations on the list of travelers. From Chota Mangwa travelers can savor an un-paralleled view of the majestic Mount Kanchenjunga and the beautiful meandering Teesta River. The spectacular sunrise is also equally admirable which has left many of its visitors spell bind. A trip to the orange orchards at Chota Mangwa to see the oranges in full bloom, picking them and enjoying orange juice fresh from the orange garden is an experience worth of a lifetime. Apart from offering the pristine view of the snow capped mountains and meandering river Teesta, travelers can gain access to few sites which may hype the interest of visitors. Tourists can make a trip to the nearby village of Takling to view an age-old monastery. There is also a Tibetan Medical center at nearby Takdah. You will also surely fall under the spell of the stunning view of Runglitol Tea Estate at Takdah. You can also visit the small orange juice-making factory at Lopchu, a cozy pristine hamlet across the hills. There is specific time to visit the picturesque location the astounding beauty of Chota Mangwa can be relished throughout the year but to get the view of valley covered in orange orchards the best time to visit is during November and December.

### Day 2 Chota Mangwa to Takdah (35 Mnts Approx)

After morning breakfast we will proceed for Takdah.

**Takdah:-** 'Takdah' the name originated from the Lepcha word meaning fog or mist it is perennially under. Takdah (the alias name of Tukdah) is an enthralling expanse of Darjeeling reminding you of the antique reminiscent charm of the British period, with tea garden and Cinchona plantation in the surrounding area. Situated in the Runglee Runglitol region of Darjeeling district,

Takdah has almost 5100 feet altitude at the foothills of the Himalayan Forest vegetation. Takdah is reputed for having the best British heritage bungalows and orchid garden. It is not a popular tourist destination like Darjeeling which remains pretty congested through out the year.

If you are among those who like lovely mountains, orchids, tea gardens and walking trails through the coniferous forest across the mountain slopes then these small hamlets - Takdah would be the perfect answer.

Check into your homestay & rest of the day for leisure and enjoy the beauty of & overnight stay at Takdah.

### Day 3 Takdah Sightseeing

This morning after breakfast we will proceed for Takdah sightseeing like:-

**Takdah Orchid Center:-** Amongst the host of attractions and activities, Takdah Orchid Center stands as an ideal reason to fall in love with the place. Normally accessible to the visitors from the months of February and April, Takdah Orchid Center is an exclusive sanctuary to a rarest and a wide variety of orchids. This remarkable Orchid Centre sprawls over an area with historical importance.

**Dawaipani:-** The village of Dawaipani is a small village at an extremely remote corner of the hills. In fact the road from Dawaipani does not go any further and ends in the village itself. The main attraction of the village and its Homestay is the grand mountain view you can get from here. Majestic snow peaks of Kanchenjunga forms the backdrop of the queen of hills Darjeeling here. On a clear day the view is truly amazing. The area is heavily forested with occasional tea garden here and there.

The name "Dawaipani" literally mean "Water that heals". The name is derived from mineral spring and hot waters which is said to heal many illnesses. However in the village itself there is no such mineral springs as of now. There are some mineral springs further down the hill and inside the deep forests that can be reached on foot.

**Tinchuley:-** The word Tinchuley stands for three chullas (chulla means oven), and this is represented by three prominent hill tops that resembles the three chullas. It is an upcoming tourist destination of the region. Tinchuley is a remote hamlet located close to Darjeeling which can be reached through a drive of 32 kilometers. It is at a distance of 80 kilometers from Siliguri, 35 kilometers from Kalimpong and 88 kilometers from Gangtok. The inhabitants of this quiet settlement took an initiative for establishing their locality as a model organic village. With the help of organizations such as the WWF, the village has developed Village Home Stays. The villagers also showed keen interest in modern farming and with the help of WWF they developed floriculture, vermiculture, organic projects.

**Lamahatta:-** Surrounded by greenery and rivers amidst picturesque terraced farmland, Lamahatta is a small mountain village that now boasts of an upcoming eco tourism destination. Located at an altitude of 1700 meter above sea level and around 23km from Darjeeling, this tourist spot is gaining momentum by leaps and bounds. It has been developed as a honeymoon destination and is a paradise for honeymooners as it offers solitude, picturesque beauty and a feeling of being amidst nature, a perfect platform to get to know each other. Lamahatta is very well connected to Darjeeling- Kalimpong state highway. The beauty of the place is further enhanced by a new garden developed recently surrounded by prayer flags and wide variety of flowers and orchids.

Then back to Takdah & overnight stay at Takdah.

### Day 4 Takdah to Kolakham (3.5 Hrs Approx)

Today after morning breakfast transfer to mysterious Kolakham, which is 6500 Ft above the Sea Level. Check-in to your homestay and stay at your leisure.

**Kolakham:-** Kolakham is a small village nestled in Neora Valley Reserve Forest facing the Eastern Himalayan peak. The place located at an altitude of 6500ft is a paradise for nature lovers. Kolakham Nature Retreat set amidst Oak, Rhododendron and Pine forests, and overlooking the snow-clad Himalaya, this is an ideal getaway for those who wish to explore pristine mountain wilderness. Each morning you will wake up to the sweet melody of birds. Retreat rooms are built to catch the morning sun and large windows overlook rising green hills of Oak, cedar, and pine soaring up to an Azure cloud-flecked sky. Kolakham is the most sought-after location for adventurous minded tourist who can take the challenge to discover the still unknown territory of Neora valley forest. The majestic view of Kanchenjunga from Kolakham village, the jungle trail in the Neora forest, the scenic beauty of Change waterfalls is once in a lifetime experience for anyone. Adventurous minded people can refresh their minds with a short trek around Kolakham.

### Day 5 Kolakham Sightseeing

Today after breakfast you will proceed for full day sightseeing like:-

**Neora Valley National Park:-** Situated in the Kalimpong sub-division under Darjeeling district is one of the richest biological zones in the entire Northeast. The land of elegant Red Panda in the pristine undisturbed natural habitat with rugged inaccessible hilly terrain and rich diverse flora and fauna together make the park an important wilderness zone.

The park reaches up to an elevation of 10600 ft at Rechela Danda, the highest point of Neora Valley National park, which borders Sikkim and Bhutan. The Neora River, the major water source of Kalimpong town.

Originating from an inaccessible snout of the park and can be visible from Rechela Danda. Jaributi, one of the most beautiful spots in Neora Valley, is an ideal place for viewing wildlife movements. The place has tremendous importance for medicinal plants that grow here in abundance.

Neora Valley National Park is also the home of Red Panda. A cute little animal with a reddish brown body and a bushy ringed tail is one of the most endangered species in the world. The recent discovery of Royal Bengal Tiger in Neora Valley has prompted the administration to include the park in the list of sensitive wildlife zones in the country.

According to the 2002 tiger census the park holds 19 majestic big cats. Among the other important mammals Indian Gaur, Himalayan Black Bear, Clouded Leopard Common Leopard, Lesser Cats, Himalayan Thar, Serrow, Gural, Deer, and Squirrels are worth mentioning.

Neora Valley is extraordinarily rich in avifauna or the feathered animals. Due to its altitudinal variation ranging from 600ft to 10600 ft, various species of birds make the park a paradise for the bird watchers. Pheasants, Cuckoos, Minivets, Flycatchers, Maynas, Orioles, Owls, Parakeets, Partridges, Sunbirds, Swallows, Swifts and Woodpeckers would captivate one with their chirpy calls and enchanting colorful plumage display.

Nature has bestowed Neora Valley with a broad medley of butterflies, which provide a grand feast to the eyes with their ingrained splendor. Kaiser-I-Hind and Krishna Peacock are amongst the most attractive butterflies found here. The self-sufficient eco-system of Neora Valley harbors a rich plethora of insects. A mammoth diversity of Spiders, Bugs, Beetles, Ants, and Bees parts a very important and complex eco-system of Neora Valley.

Neora Valley is particularly well known for wild orchids. Their splendid colors and grace patterns have the capacity to hypnotize anyone. A number of orchids hidden in the deepest parts of the valley are yet to find a place in the records.

**Changey Waterfall:-** At a distance of 4 km from Kolakham and 10 km from Lava, Changey Falls is a mesmerizing waterfall situated near Kolakham in Kalimpong district of West Bengal. It is one of the gorgeous waterfalls in Kalimpong region and among the best places to visit in Lava.

Changey Falls is a small waterfall in the midst of hills and forests. Cascades down from a height of about 150 feet, the waterfall looks stunning with crystal clear water and thick green forest. Innumerable chirps of amazing Himalayan birds like White Capped Water Redstart, Verditer Flycatcher, Niltava, Blue Fronted Redstart, Grey Treepie, Indian Robin, Blue Whistling Thrush makes the atmosphere heaven like.

Then back to homestay & overnight stay at Kolakham.

### Day 6 Departure to Bagdogra Airport / NJP Railway Station (4 Hrs Approx)

After breakfast in your hotel, check-out from your hotel and transfer to Bagdogra Airport/NGP Station for onward journey with pleasant memories of North East and the warmth of our hospitality in your heart.

## Inclusions

- Welcome drink (Non Alcoholic) on Arrival
- All accommodation in double sharing basis
- All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)
- All Sightseeing & Transfers by Exclusive Vehicle

## Exclusions

- Air/Train Fare
- Any Govt Permit
- Any entry tickets
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, luggage van, porter-age etc.
- Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- All personal expenses, optional tours and Extra meals.
- Medical and Travel insurance.
- Video Camera Permits During Sightseeing..
- Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client directly).
- Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'
- GST @ 5%.

## Terms & Conditions

**Please Note :**Early check in would be subject to availability and at sole discretion of hotel.

All booking vouchers and tickets will be provided 3 days before departure.

In case of natural calamities\ road blockage\train,flight cancellation or schedule change.Itinerary may change prior information to guest and any additional cost arises guest has to pay in cash as per actual on spot payment basis.**Payment policy:**

At the time of booking confirmation 40% of the total booking amount is required.

15 to 30 days Prior to departure 30% of the total booking amount is required.

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If booking made within 31 days prior to departure, 100% amount is expected at the time of booking.**Cancellation Policy:**

If you want to cancel your booking, you must notify us in writing.

No cancellation or changes are allowed after departure.

**Cancellations are subject to the following charges:**

30 Days or more before departure: 25% of the Total Cost.

30-15 Days Before departure: 50% of the Total Cost.

15-7 Days before departure 75% of the Total Cost.

Less than 7 days before departure: 100% of the Total Cost.